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North Valley Public Library

BTOP Public Computing Center Goals and Objectives

Montana's project promotes three BTOP statutory purposes:

1) provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in under-served areas of the country;
2) provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to libraries; and,
3) stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

Objectives
1) increase broadband speeds at participating libraries up to 21 mbps;
2) cut wait times in half by increasing the total number of workstations and expanding library operation hours;
3) improve access by purchasing ADA compliant software, hardware, and furniture, and through minor renovation projects aimed at increasing accessibility of computing center facilities;
4) offer courses to increase computer literacy; and
5) provide Internet and library resources to rural Montana using a mobile computer lab.

Successes

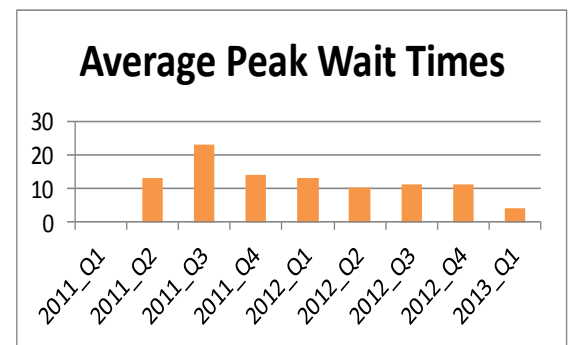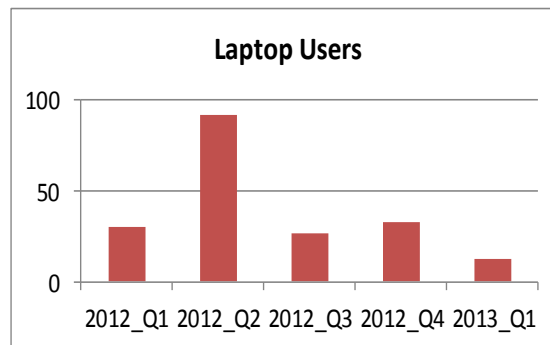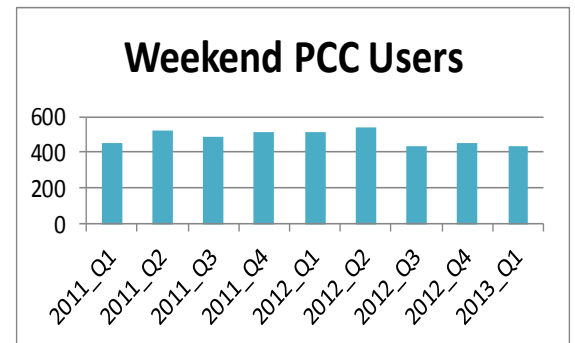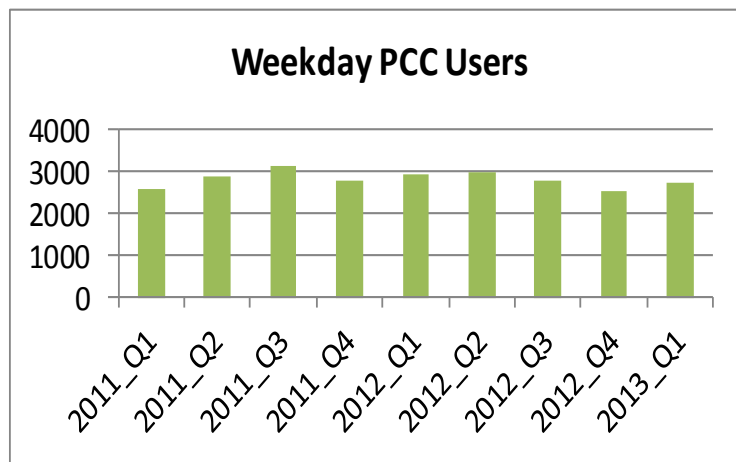| Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
CenturyLink	1.50	7.00

North Valley Public Library Computing Center Now Offers...

- 9 desktop computers
- 6 laptop computers
- 2 children's computers
- 2 JAWs blind software
- 2 MAGic low vision software
- 3 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- 1 ZoomText Camera with stand
- 3 low dexterity mice
- 3 low vision keyboards
- 3 Bierley magnification mice
- 11 headphones sets

- 9 privacy screens
- 1 LaserJet printer
- 1 presentation screen
- iPad
- Kindle Keyboard
- Kindle Fire
- Nook Tablet
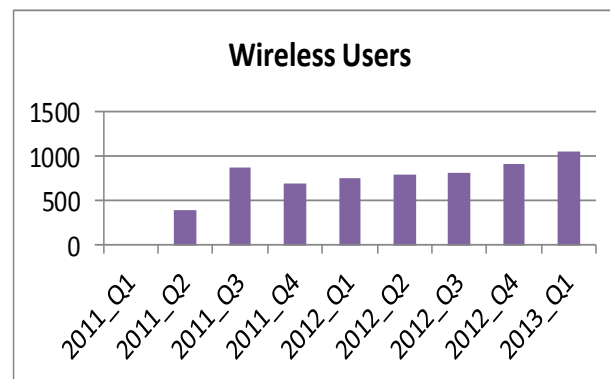- Samsung Galaxy Tab
- Google Nexus
- Coby Snapp digital video camera

> NVPL had an open house, "First Friday" on Friday August 5th, from 6PM to 8PM. There were approximately 20-30 attendees. Technology trainer was there to answer questions about the BTOP program/grant and to show off/demonstrate the new BTOP grant equipment.

> We (NVPL) put articles in the local papers, flyers at PCC workstations, flyers in businesses and on our website.

> NVPL set up our projector and presentation for a memorial that was being held at the Historic St. Mary's Mission in Stevensville.

Public Computer Center Usage

Weekday PCC Users

Weekend PCC Users

Laptop Users

Average Peak Wait Times

Patrons who have taken advantage of public wireless access

Wireless Users

Benefitting from Technology Training

Length of Program (per hour basis)	Number of Patron Training Hours	Number of Library Staff Training Hours
396.35	557	134